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JUAN FERNANDEZ DE CASTRO RODRIGUEZ
ROLANDO MASFERRER

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\$25,000 if arrangements could be made to deliver Masferrer to Cuban agents who would transport him to Cuba by boat. Valdes indicated that the Cuban Government would subsequently announce Masferrer's capture while engaged in an invasion of Cuba.

At the conclusion of this meeting, Valdes and Fernandez were placed under arrest by our Miami Office and an authorized complaint was filed charging them with conspiracy to violate Title 18, Section 1201, United States Code. Warrants were issued by United States Commissioner Roger E. Davis of Miami and a hearing is scheduled for the afternoon of January 28, 1960. Davis has indicated he will set bond for \$100,000 for each subject.

We are furnishing a summary of this data to the Vice President and detailed facts are being made available to the Criminal and Internal Security Divisions of the Department, the Department of State, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the intelligence branches of the armed forces.

For your confidential information, Fernandez has been utilized by our Miami Office since 1955 as a paid source concerning Cuban matters. Since September, 1959, he has been in Cuba and contact with him has been extremely limited. While it is not known at this time whether Fernandez intended to advise us later of this plot, it was going through with it without telling us, his arrest as a participant was necessary in view of the manner in which the situation developed. ~~(U)~~

1 - Mr. Lawrence E. Walsh
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